



## THE RECORDER.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1848.

## Meeting of the American Board.

We resume our report of the proceedings of the Board, which we closed last week, at the time of the adjournment of the session of Wednesday afternoon.

On Wednesday evening, Chancellor Walworth introduced the subject of the finances of the Board as the topic which would occupy the attention of the meeting during the evening. Dr. Anderson stated what had been the consequences of reducing the expenditures of the Board. Some pains had been taken to see what would be the effect of diminishing the expenses to the amount of \$200,000. In order to effect this reduction, \$1,000 must come from the African mission; from the West African, \$200; from Constantinople, \$200; from the Armenian mission, \$1,500; from Syria, \$2,700; from another, \$3,000; from the Swedish Islands, \$4,000; and from another, \$4,000. The results of this reduction would be the breaking up of schools, the withdrawal of missionaries, and the discharge of the native helpers from their fields of labor. To save this \$200,000, the Board would be obliged to sacrifice the results of an expenditure of \$100,000—would say, \$200,000. This he regarded as a wretched economy.

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Hon. Seth Terry of Hartford, said he was glad that business men had seen the morning. He believed in the efficacy of prayer, and he believed their prayers had been answered, as God had opened the whole world to them, and invited them to come in and occupy it. To do this they must have funds. In meetings of this kind, every man was set to get his feelings worked up on the matter of finance, and go home filled with enthusiasm on the subject, but on their way they were liable to fall in with a woman by the name of Miss Prudence, and were then of all their strength. He offered to give \$200 this year, over and above his regular subscriptions.

Mr. Hill, treasurer, acknowledged the receipt of a check for 300 dollars from Philadelphia. None not given.

Dr. Howe said a paper had been put into his hands, just before he left home, 14 young ladies, between the ages of 13 and 18 years, and 33 dollars united with his church, containing \$1 dollars, on their offering to this cause.

Judge Darling of Pennsylvania, chairman of the committee on the treasury's report, reported that they had examined the report, and recommended its acceptance and adoption by the Board. The indebtedness was stated to be \$59,800.78, and he recommended that an effort be made to discharge the debt.

After reading the report, he said he wished to present matters in a business aspect. There were various causes which had operated to bring about this indebtedness. One had been in suspicion which had gone abroad, that this Board were not content to set right with regard to a question

## Dr. Lyman Beecher's Sermon.

Last Sabbath morning, Dr. Beecher preached at Bowdoin street Church from 1 Timothy 1:19.

"Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some have put away, concerning faith have made shipwreck." Dr. Beecher gave an epitome of the doctrine of the Bible. In this enumeration he mentioned, 1. The personality of God. 2. The mode of God's existence. Trinity in Unity. 3. The decree of God. 4. The moral law in the hands of a mediator. 5. The divinity of Christ. 6. The office of eternal life through the atonement of Christ. 7. The inextinguishable nature of man. 8. The dispensation of the Holy Ghost. 9. The regeneration by the Holy Spirit. 10. The perseverance of the saints.

2. He inquired wherein consisted the great power of the doctrine? 1. They constituted the moral power of the gospel. 2. The doctrines compelled the motives, which influence men



